

2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION DALLAS, TEXAS JUNE 30 to JULY 5

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 72nd annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind being held in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. A detailed description of the layout of the hotel can be found immediately after the "Convention Notes," which are at the conclusion of the program listings. Check the "Notes" for further information about a variety of convention topics. When you check in to the hotel, you will be asked to confirm your departure date. If you decide to leave earlier than the departure date you confirm when you check in, there may be a change fee.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception from 8:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday in the Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium I lobby. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's activities.

Veteran conventioneers should urge all first-timers to attend this special event. Also, first-time rookies are invited to join an informal, fun gathering on Monday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Affiliate Action Suite 2372.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Preregistration Packet Pickup on Sunday and Monday is located in a different area of the hotel than are the on-site Registration activities.

PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP

On Sunday and Monday all who preregistered for convention may pick up their preregistration packets at the Conference Registration area located in the northeast corner of the Atrium II lobby. Preregistration begins at 9:00 am on Sunday and at 8:30 am on Monday. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday preregistration materials may be picked up in the upper Chantilly foyer in the Tower lobby at times as listed.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

If you did not preregister for convention, registration activities take place in the upper Chantilly foyer, Tower lobby beginning at 9:00 am on Sunday; at 8:30 am on Monday; and at other times as listed throughout the week. The fee for registration at convention is \$30 per person. All those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are

asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested.

TEXAS-STYLE BARBECUE WITH LIVE MUSIC

Continue the excitement of convention opening day by enjoying a delicious Texas-style barbecue with family and friends in Anatole Park. Listen to popular singer/songwriter JP Williams perform his original music, which has scored him bookings all over the U.S. Hosted by the NFB of Texas on Tuesday, July 3, starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets (while they last) are \$45 per person and may be purchased at the on-site registration area located in the Tower lobby.

COMMON GROUND CAFETERIA

Common Ground, located in Atrium I, will provide express cafeterialine food service for breakfast (6-11 am), lunch (11 am-2 pm), and dinner (5-10 pm except on Barbecue and Banquet evenings). Lunch and dinner offerings will include salads, hot and cold sandwiches, fruits, pastries, desserts, and beverages. Service will be quick and seating plentiful. The grab-and-go \$10 sack lunch (sandwich, chips, and beverage) can be picked up here as well. Additional food service and restaurant options are described in Note 4 of the Convention Notes.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits (*excluding the NFB Independence Market*) are on display in the Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level. There is a special S*ponsor-level exhibitors* preview for convention attendees on Sunday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

Exhibit hall hours of operation are:

Sunday 9:00 to 11:00 am (Sponsors only)

Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday Noon to 1:45 pm and from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Wednesday Noon to 1:45 pm and 6:00 to 8:30 pm

INDEPENDENCE MARKET

The Independence Market is located in the Grand Ballroom, Atrium lobby. Hours of operation are:

Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday

Noon to 1:45 pm Noon to 1:45 pm (final opportunity to visit the Wednesday

Market)

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SPECIAL ATTENTION ITEMS

- The Presidential Suite (2572), the Convention Organization and Activities Suite (2472), the Affiliate Action & Rookie Activities Suite (2372), and the Texas Affiliate Suite (2272) are all open during much of the convention. All are welcome to come to these suites to visit. Appointments to meet with Dr. Maurer may be made at the Presidential Suite.
- Banquet tickets (\$60.00) may be purchased at the on-site registration area in the Tower lobby. No tickets will be available after 2:00 pm on Tuesday. At the Banquet Exchange Table you may make arrangements to reserve a specific seat for yourself or for a group of up to ten people. On the evening of the banquet, tickets will be collected at the tables.
- General Sessions will be held in the Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to the Opal Room, Tower lobby on Tuesday between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, or on Wednesday between noon and 2:00 pm.
- Tactile guided tours of the Anatole's spectacular sculpture collection, both indoor and out, are offered on Saturday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm; Sunday at 1:00 pm; and Monday at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The one-and-a-half-hour tours are limited to twenty people and depart from the Atrium Concierge Desk.

CONVENTION AGENDA



📐 SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012

7:30 - 8:45 am—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION EMERGENCY **PREPAREDNESS**

Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine

Discuss convention frequencies, hotel architectural features. and distributing special FM receivers for the hearing-impaired and Spanishspeaking attendees. D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

7:30 am - 4:45 pm—LIFE IN THE MAINSTREAM...A Conference for Families and Teachers of Blind/Visually Impaired Children Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium lobby

7:30 to 8:45 am—Registration: adults \$35; children (5 to 18) no charge

9:00 to 11:00 am—Conference

11:00 am to 4:45 pm—Concurrent Workshops (see agenda listings) Sponsored by the NFB's National Organization of Parents of Blind Children Division (NOPBC); Laura Bostick, President

7:30 am - 5:00 pm—CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND--ELEVENTH ANNUAL REHABILITATION AND ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CONFERENCE **Emerald Room, Tower lobby**

7:30 to 8:30 am—Registration; 8:30 am—Conference begins Registration Fees (includes lunch): Students \$75; Professionals \$100 before June 15; \$85 and \$125 after that date applies.

12:00 noon to 2:00 pm—NBPCB Awards Luncheon in Carpenter Ballroom.

Atrium lobby.

Sponsors: National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB); and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University. Chairperson: Dr. Edward Bell

8:00 am - 10:00 pm—SELF-DEFENSE CLASS; SPORTS & REC DIVISION Coronado C and D Ballrooms, West wing

Back by popular demand and better than before! We are hosting a 1Touch self-defense coach the coaches workshop instructed by internationally renowned Sensei Stephen Nikols. Space is limited, so contact Liz Myska at emyska@charter.net for fee and registration info. Lisamaria Martinez, President

8:30 am—CHILD-CARE (Preregistration by June 15 was required) Batik A & B and Cardinal A & B Rooms. Atrium mezzanine Please see "Convention Note 7" for further information.



📐 SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

8:30 - 11:30 am—A FIRST LOOK AT JAWS 14—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC Senators Lecture Hall, Tower lobby

Join Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, and Jonathan Mosen for a session covering new details surrounding JAWS development. In addition to many demonstrations of JAWS 13 with Convenient OCR, we'll have a first look at JAWS 14 scheduled for public beta in Sept. 2012 and Microsoft Windows 8.

8:30 am - 12:30 pm—JOB SEEKERS SEMINAR

Rosetta Room, Atrium mezzanine

Need a job, but can't seem to get one? This seminar will show you how, with creative ideas and resources you can use. Dick Davis, Chairperson, Employment Committee

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE'S (NFBJI) ACCESS TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

Governors Lecture Hall, Tower lobby

8:30 - 10:00 am—Smartphone Showdown: iOS and Android (which device is

best for you, and how do the two compare on features and apps?)

10:00 am - 12:00 noon—Money Management: Getting Intuit (improvements

being implemented by Intuit concerning the Quickbooks system)

- 1:30 3:00 pm—Technologies for Deaf-Blind Users (in communication, daily living, and on the job)
- 3:30 5:00 pm—The Best of Both Worlds: Windows on Mac (advantages and disadvantages, and how to make it work)

10:00 - 11:30 am— TACTILE GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANATOLE'S SCULPTURE COLLECTION (Limited to 20 people); Atrium Concierge Desk

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Access Tech: Apple Products (iPhone, iPad, iPod)

Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Dan Wenzel

Active Learning: featuring Dr. Lilli Nielsen's innovations

Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Gigi Newton



SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Cont'd.

Getting the Wrinkles Out: Activities of Daily Living

Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructors: Teachers from the Louisiana Center for the Blind

The New National Reading Media Assessment and *Integrating Print* and *Braille* Guidebook

Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructors: Casey Robertson and Sharon Maneki

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—"BURST" INTO NFB YOUTH TRACK (Ages 11-18)

Madrid Room, Tower mezzanine--Balloon build or bust, ages 11-14 Manchester Room, Tower mezzanine--Balloon build or bust, ages 14-18

Youth Track events are sponsored by the NFBJI and are designed to foster positive attitudes about blindness among youth. Coordinator: Natalie Shaheen

11:00 am - 7:00 pm—NFB DIVISION CRAFT SHOW AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Topaz Room, Tower lobby

If you are interested in crafts and appreciate hand-made items, this is the place to be! Come and meet some very talented Federation crafters and purchase their beautiful items for sale. Joyce Kane,

1:00 - 3:00 pm—THE NEW MAGIC 12, PEARL/OPENBOOK 9, & SARA CE —FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC; Senators Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby First look at the all new MAGic 12 with HD Font Smoothing, HD Mouse, and a brand new user interface. Join Eric Damery and Jonathan Mosen as we explore this exciting new version of MAGic. We will also demonstrate and discuss the latest versions of PEARL/OpenBook 9 and SARA CF.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMANWARE PRODUCT SHOWCASE AND USER **GROUPS**

Sapphire Room, Tower lobby

1:00 pm: Victor Stream; 2:00 pm: GPS travel with the Trekker Breeze; 3:00 pm: BrailleNote Users Group; 4:00 pm: Pairing the Apex and new Brailliant displays with iPhones and iPads. Join us to learn about new updates; tell us your suggestions and ask questions about your favorite HumanWare product.



📐 SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

1:30 - 4:30 pm—YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (AGES 11-14).

Madrid Room, Tower mezzanine

1:30-2:30 pm—Show the world what you want them to know about blindness:

an art activity.

2:30-3:30 pm—Tell the world what you want them to know about blindness:

record your thoughts on video.

3:30-4:30 pm—Federation Scavenger Hunt

1:30 - 4:30 pm—YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (AGES 14-18).

Manchester Room, Tower mezzanine

1:30-3:00 pm—Federation Pop Culture and Stars of the NFB Scavenger Hunt

3:00-3:45 pm—Federationbook: Look at the Federationbook page of one of

our leaders, and then make your own.

3:45-4:30 pm—Tell the world what you want them to know about

blindness:

record your thoughts on video.

1:30 - 4:30 pm—SENIORS SEMINAR: WE'RE STILL LEARNING & TEACHING

Rosetta Room, Atrium mezzanine

1:30 pm—Registration; 2:00 pm—Seminar begins Our seniors are the fastest growing part of our blind population. Come learn about the real potential of seniors and the services that are available. Please be prepared to teach what you already know. Judy Sanders, President

1:30 - 4:30 pm—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter **Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine**

2:00 - 3:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND **TEACHERS**

Technology in the Classroom

Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Dr. Denise Robinson

Movement and Exploration for the Young Blind Child

Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt



$igwedge \lambda$ SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Cont'd.

Tactile Graphics: maps, illustrations, charts, and graphs

Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructors: Deborah Kent Stein and Barbara Shalit

Reading Issues: Getting to the Root of the Problem

Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Carol Castellano

2:00 - 3:30 pm—TACTILE GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANATOLE'S

SCULPTURE COLLECTION (Limited to 20 people); Atrium Concierge Desk

3:00 - 4:30 pm—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine

3:30 - 4:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND **TEACHERS**

Technology: When, Where, How?

Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine Instructor: Al Lovati and Dr. Matt Maurer

Creative Classroom Solutions for the Child with Additional Disabilities

Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructors: Casey Robertson and Krystal Guillory

Out and About: Independent Mobility for Your School-Aged Child

Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Deja Powell

Reading Strategies for the Blind/VI Student: What Works?

Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine

Instructor: Dr. Ruby Ryles

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NFB LIONS GROUP; Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine

Federationists who are members of Lions or thinking of joining the Lions should come. Discuss activities of your club that help blind people locally or nationally. Together we can improve what we all do! Co-Chairpersons: Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota



📐 SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

5:00 - 7:00 pm—SPANISH SEMINAR; Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine

Blindness is blindness, no matter what the language. Meet new and old friends; learn about Federation philosophy and the truth about blindness—in Spanish. Moderator: Alpidio Rolón

5:00 - 7:00 pm—COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP **Milan Room, Tower mezzanine**

Let's get involved! Join service-minded Federationists as we open doors for the blind in the field of community service. Hear from those who serve in their communities and learn about service projects you will really enjoy. Darian Smith, Chairperson

5:00 - 8:00 pm—MIX-AND-MINGLE RECEPTION FOR REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS; **Travertine Room, Atrium mezzanine**

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING; **Emerald Room, Tower lobby** 6:00 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Updates on division initiatives, including the Information and Advocacy Hotline, legal cases, Consumer Satisfaction Survey, and affiliate division reports; also election of officers and board members. Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS; **Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine** 6:30 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Learn about new technology and how blind telephone operators, receptionists, customer service reps, Braille transcribers and proofreaders, and other office workers solve problems and challenges in the office setting. Lisa Hall, President

7:00 - 8:00 pm—COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION FORMATION MEETING **Milan Room, Tower mezzanine**

Together we serve, building our strength. Join members of the Community Service Group who wish to establish a formal Community Service Division within the Federation. Each affiliate is encouraged to send a representative. Darian Smith, Group Chairperson

7:00 - 8:30 pm—LIVING HISTORY GROUP **Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Dedicated to recording, preserving, and appreciating Federation history. Michael Freholm, Chairperson



SATURDAY, JUNE 30, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT Carpenter Ballroom, Atrium lobby

Relax, chat, meet new families, and connect with old friends. "Veteran" parents will be on hand to welcome you and provide information.

8:00 - 9:00 pm—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE **Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Are there new and ingenious ways to collect money and spread the word about the NFB? I'm sure there are. Come and share your ideas on how to fund our movement. Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson

8:00 - 10:00 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP **Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium lobby**

First-time convention attendees—don't miss this event! President Maurer and former rookies will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions about the week's activities. Coordinator: Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana

8:00 pm - midnight—KARAOKE NIGHT ∫ ∫ (Admission: \$5.00) Peacock Terrace, West wing

Enjoy music, door prizes, and a cash bar; meet BLIND, Incorporated's students and alumni and share their experiences from training. Here's your chance to sing like a rock star; Braille song lists are available. Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated

8:30 - 10:00 pm—#NFB12 TWEET UP!; Grand B Ballroom, Atrium lobby

The NFB convention is the ultimate "social network." Drop in to meet Federationists you only know from Twitter; learn how to use the power of online social media; get geared up to share your convention experience and to know others who are supporters of @NFB_Voice. A cash bar is available.

9:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

Angela Wolf, Chairperson

9:00 pm - midnight—STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE **Affiliate Action Suite 2372**

Students of all ages are invited to this informal open house gathering sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division. Come to meet and mingle with other blind students and young professionals!



6:30 - 7:30 am—ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS **Wedgwood Ballroom, Tower lobby** Father Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

7:00 - 8:00 am—JERNIGAN SCHOLARSHIP MENTORING ASSEMBLY Affiliate Action Suite 2372

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Conference Registration, Atrium lobby

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60); BARBECUE TICKET SALES (\$45); Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET Grand Ballroom, Atrium lobby

9:00 - 11:00 am—SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS PREVIEW Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

The exhibit hall opens its doors and is dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors. Come to say "thank you" to our sponsors and enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our convention sponsors are:

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Science; ScriptsForJaws.com; HIMS; Bookshare; Learning Ally; Sprint; and En-Vision America.

11:00 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS; Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

- 1:00 2:30 pm—TACTILE GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANATOLE'S SCULPTURE COLLECTION (limited to 20 people); Atrium Concierge Desk
- 1:00 2:30 pm—CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS; Wedgwood Ballroom, Tower lobby



SUNDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 4:00 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine

Share ideas and tips and network with other blind musicians. Linda Mentink, Chairperson

1:00 - 4:00 pm—VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOCUS GROUP (Participants must have registered in advance.); **Madrid Room, Tower mezzanine** Demos of description technologies; discussions on the changing role of video in education and training; opportunities for participants to provide input to the technology development process. Offered by the Smith-Kettlewell Video Description Research & Development Center and the NFB Jernigan Institute.

1:00 - 4:30 pm—TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine

1:00 pm: Registration; 1:30 pm: Meeting beings. Discussing travel with blind consumers and blind travel professionals; panel discussions with guests Robert Leslie Newman, Karl Smith, Margo Downey, Daniel Carr, and division President Cheryl Echevarria; elections; division dues are \$10.00.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Plum Blossom A Room, Atrium lobby

Stop by and learn about NFB's free audio information service and get hands-on experience with our new access methods including the NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile application for iPhone and our Global Publication Search feature.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE (NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS ONE AND TWO

Carpenter Ballroom, Atrium lobby

Participants must have preregistered. Exam sections three and four

are on Monday at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HIMS, INC. PRODUCT SEMINAR Obelisk A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Come and learn about exciting Braille and low vision products from HIMS.



SUNDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 6:00 pm—ARTWORKS AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES Topaz Room, Tower Lobby

Author/editor Debbie Kent Stein and author/artist Ann Cunningham host a drop-in art room featuring a variety of artworks available for exploration by touch. Also art materials are on hand, so visitors may work on their own creations—at no charge—and keep their finished designs. So stop by, create, and enjoy!

1:00 - 10:00 pm—SELF-DEFENSE CLASS; SPORTS & REC DIVISION Coronardo C and D Ballrooms, West wing

Back by popular demand and better than before! We are hosting a 1Touch self-defense coach the coaches workshop instructed by internationally renowned Sensei Stephen Nikols. Space is limited, so contact Liz Myska at emyska@charter.net for fee and registration info. Lisamaria Martinez, President

- 1:30 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE; Sharon Maneki, Chairperson Chantilly West Ballroom, Tower lobby
- 1:30 4:30 pm—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine
- 1:30 5:00 pm—BUILT-IN ACCESSIBILITY IN APPLE TECHNOLOGY (NFBJI ACCESS TECHNOLOGY TEAM & APPLE SEMINAR)

Governors Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby1:30 - 3:00 pm—VoiceOver on iOS Devices (iPho

1:30 - 3:00 pm—VoiceOver on iOS Devices (iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad)

3:00 - 3:30 pm—Break

3:30 - 5:00 pm—VoiceOver on the Mac (getting started with using Apple's

screen access software on Mac computers)

2:45 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW (Admission: \$5) Miro Room, Tower mezzanine

Come and enjoy the fashions and music as our young blind models walk down the runway. All proceeds will support the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children.

3:00 - 4:30 pm—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter **Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine**



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4:00 - 4:30 pm—KENNETH JERNIGAN FUND COMMITTEE MEETING Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine; Allen Harris, Chairperson

4:00 - 5:00 pm—WRITING YOUR SCRIPT: NFB YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18)

Madrid Room, Tower mezzanine

Whether you are an aspiring writer or just want to brush up on the basics, join members of the Writers Division for a fun and informative workshop.

4:15 - 5:45 pm—FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—National Association of Blind Lawyers (Admission: \$5.00) **Stemmons Ballroom**, Atrium lobby

Federation lawyers are pitted against each other reenacting an old Federation case with the audience serving as the jury. Although the subject matter is serious, the courtroom portrayers are very entertaining. Scott LaBarre, President

6:00 - 7:30 pm—NFB AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS SEMINAR

Sapphire Room, Tower lobby

All affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this session. Topics include internal controls, state charitable registrations, end-of-year preparations, and discussing individual state issues with

facilitators Charlie Brown, Ron Gardner, Bridgid Burke, and Nick Lambright

6:00 - 8:00 pm—STORY TIME IDOL (Admission \$5) **Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Listen to tall and scary stories (suitable for all ages) or tell a story for \$1.00.

Idol winners share in the take! Presented by the Writers Division; Robert Leslie Newman, President

6:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

Unveiling new craft initiatives, including discussion on classes available via telephone conference and information on our Monday night nationwide chats. We are seeking teachers and students for crafting classes.

Joyce Kane, President

6:15 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS)

Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium lobby

6:15 pm-Registration (\$5.00); 7:00 pm-Meeting Students, young professionals, parents, teachers, and anyone interested in learning about issues affecting blind students are welcome to attend.

Sean Whalen, President



SUNDAY, JULY 1, Continued

6:30 - 8:30 pm—"SAYS YOU" EVENT (Admission \$5) **Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine**

The Sports and Recreation Division invites you to an evening of puzzles, puns, and word play. Antonio Guimaraes and Amy Ruell will entertain you along with our two teams of NFB contestants playing word bluff and other challenging puzzles. Proceeds benefit the Sports and Recreation Division.

7:00 - 8:30 pm—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION; Ivan Weich, President **Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine**

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® GOES MOBILE! Plum Blossom A Room, Atrium lobby

Learn about the NFB's free audible newspaper service for the blind, with specific information on the Global Publication Search, our newest access method, the NFB-NEWSLINE® Mobile application for iPhone, and the variety of content available to subscribers.

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

How can we better serve our veterans and show them our appreciation at the same time? Find out about the Wounded Warrior Initiative program and how you can become involved. Let's grow the NABV like never before! You don't have to be a blind veteran to join us, just interested in veteran issues. Dwight Sayer, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—STATE CAPITOL HILLS AND BILLS Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine

Do you want to be more successful at passing laws at the state level? Join the discussion with experienced advocates on developing a legislative agenda for your affiliate, writing bill language, networking with your legislators, engaging our members, and turning bills into laws. Lauren McLarney, Coordinator

7:30 - 9:00 pm—LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE; David Hyde, Chairperson

Milan Room, Tower mezzanine



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7:30 - 9:30 pm—BLIND PARENTS GROUP; Ming Room, Tower mezzanine

Blind parents share their experiences around child-raising issues, such as learning infant care, coping with printed homework assignments, finding print/Braille books, dealing with the public's misconceptions, and more.

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY; Rosetta Room, Atrium

mezzanine

Hear exhibitors explain briefly what they are exhibiting and where they are located in the exhibit hall. We will also evaluate the effectiveness of what our Committee is doing now and consider programs for the coming year. Gary Wunder, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:00 pm—JUDAISM MEETING; Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine

David Stayer, Chairperson, NFB in Judaism Group

8:00 - 9:30 pm—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE—THREE THINGS EVERY MEMBER NEEDS: FINDING, ATTRACTING, AND KEEPING NEW MEMBERS IN OUR CHAPTERS AND AFFILIATES; **Sapphire Room, Tower lobby** The NFB is a dynamic organization, achieved entirely by the sheer determination and creativity of its members—present and past. Please join us to discuss new ideas to increase our membership further, such as "at large" chapters and how they work. Ron Gardner, Chairperson

9:00 - 10:00 pm—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine

We provide simultaneous translation into Spanish during the general sessions of the convention. Please join us if you would like to help with this effort.

Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson



MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP Conference Registration, Atrium lobby

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60); *FINAL* BARBECUE TICKET SALES (\$45); **Chantilly Foyer Area,**

Tower lobby

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS; Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET **Grand Ballroom, Atrium lobby**

9:00 - 11:30 am—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to all) Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby

11:30 am-12:30 pm—DIVISION MEET & GREET: YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18)

Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine

Want to be a lawyer? Do you plan to teach or work in the human services field? Are you unsure what career to consider? No matter how you answered these questions, gather with us to hear from members of the NFB's various divisions as they describe their division to find the one that is right for you.

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm—FIRST-TIME NFB CONVENTION ATTENDEES **Affiliate Action Suite 2372**

Is this your first National Federation of the Blind convention? If so, please bring your own lunch and participate in a fun gathering; meet some friendly people and have your convention questions answered by experienced Federationists.

12:30 - 5:00 pm—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK SEMINAR Rosetta Room, Atrium mezzanine

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Learn about new, accessible diabetes equipment coming to market and strategies for living well with diabetes. Mike Freeman, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS (NABL) **Milan Room, Tower mezzanine**

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Examine laws affecting blind people and others with disabilities; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to Web sites, employment, legal texts and exams. Scott LaBarre, President



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Governors Lecture Hall, Tower lobby

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Some of the topics include nonvisual access to software used by Information Technology professionals, Accessible Network Administration Tools, and much more. Curtis Chong, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH; Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins
The theme is "Meeting Challenges: Gaining Opportunities." Speakers
tell how their faith has helped them face and overcome challenges;
also hear representatives from various faith-based libraries and
publishing houses describe what their organizations do; elections. Tom
Anderson, President

12:30 - 9:00 pm—SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION MEETING Coronardo C and D Ballrooms, West wing

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Our division meeting is quite an experience—short and sweet and followed by several fun sporty activities for everyone. Wear comfortable clothing so you can move! Lisamaria Martinez, President

1:00 - 2:30 pm—TACTILE GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANATOLE'S SCULPTURE COLLECTION (limited to 20 people); Atrium Concierge Desk

1:00 - 3:00 pm—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING & SEMINAR Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Don't wait for the media to discover you—come and share ideas and strategies on how to harness the power of the media! Members of the committee and the newly created NFB Press Corps, as well as others interested in getting our message out, are encouraged to attend. Chris Danielsen, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:30 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION; Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine All professionals working with students (from birth to age 21) are welcome and encouraged to join us for this informative and interactive meeting. Come network and collaborate! Eric Guillory, President



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING; Emerald Room, Tower lobby Featuring a keynote address by the 2012 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children, other special guest speakers, news from NASA, summer programs for our kids, focus on math and science, Parent Power, business meeting, elections, and much more. Laura Bostick, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine

General meeting; be part of the future of the division by attending our bi-annual elections. We will have speakers as well. Dennis H.R. Sumlin, President

1:00 - 4:30 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine

1:00 pm-Registration; 1:30 pm-Meeting begins Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms; participants also meet in groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors. If you teach or are considering a career in teaching at any level, please join us. Sheila Koenig, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS REVOLUTIONIZING RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD: THE NEW NFB ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE; Senators Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby 1:00 pm–Registration; 1:30 pm–Meeting begins Let's continue to protect and defend the Randolph-Sheppard Program. The need to expand business opportunities and to develop new business initiatives for the blind of America is pressing. Nicky Gacos, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS; Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine

1:00 pm-Registration; 2:00 pm-Meeting begins Network, share mutual interests, find placement strategies, and examine and discuss concerns and current issues. Melody Roane, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE

(NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS THREE AND FOUR Carpenter Ballroom, Atrium lobby

Participants must have preregistered. Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—SENIORS IN CHARGE—NFB SENIORS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING AND (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION

Obelisk A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Join us to hear enthusiastic seniors share ideas about what they are doing; find out ways (gathered at our seminar) to spread our message of hope to seniors who have recently become blind. And then we have our hugely popular not-so-silent auction (Coordinator: Margot Downey). Judy Sanders, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Plum Blossom A Room, Atrium lobby

Stop by and learn about NFB's free audio information service and get hands-on experience with our new access methods including the NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile application for iPhone and our Global Publication Search feature.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—ARTWORKS AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES Topaz Room, Tower Lobby

Author/editor Debbie Kent Stein and author/artist Ann Cunningham host a drop-in art room featuring a variety of artworks available for exploration by touch. Also art materials are on hand, so visitors may work on their own creations—at no charge—and keep their finished designs. So stop by, create, and enjoy!

1:00 - 6:00 pm—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION Ming Room, Tower mezzanine

1:00-Registration; 2:00-Meeting begins; 5:00-Mingle and network Psychologists; social workers; counselors; and music, art, or dance therapists meet to discuss topics and network. Rick Brown, President

1:30 - 4:30 pm—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Travertine Room, Atrium mezzanine

Updating members on division business, announcing the 2012 winners of the youth and adult writing contests, interacting with a literary

agent, and planning for the future. Robert Leslie Newman, President

2:00 - 6:00 pm—LookTel's NEW iPHONE APPS Plum Blossom B Room, Arium lobby

The LookTel Breadcrumbs, Recognizer, and MoneyReader iPhone apps are demonstrated in an interactive presentation with participation invited. Questions are encouraged.



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

3:00 - 4:30 pm—TACTILE GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANATOLE'S SCULPTURE COLLECTION (limited to 20 people); **Atrium Concierge Desk**

3:00 - 5:15 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND PIANO TECHNICIANS

Wedgwood Ballroom, Tower lobby

Piano tuning and repairing is a challenging and rewarding career. Join us to learn about this exciting field. Don Mitchell, President

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS (NABL) RECEPTION; **Manchester Room, Tower mezzanine**

For NABL members and seminar participants only to promote networking and fellowship within our membership. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available.

Scott LaBarre, President

5:00 - 7:00 pm—BRAILLE BOOK FAIR (Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB)

Cortez A and B Ballrooms, West wing

A book lover's dream! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/Braille books. Volunteers will box your books and deliver them to the post office for Free Matter shipment. Books are free; donations are encouraged to help support our Braille programs. Coordinator: Barbara Cheadle

5:15 - 7:15 pm—BLIND ACADEMICS GROUP (INITIAL GATHERING) **Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Matriculating all professors, graduate students, and future college-level teachers. Whether your specialty is comparative literature, musicology, economics, chemistry, or something esoteric that we haven't heard of yet, join us to discuss the many facets of thriving in academia. Dr. Adrienne Asch, Chairperson.

6:00 - 7:30 pm—SONG-WRITING WORKSHOP (Admission: \$5.00) **Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Learn the tricks and methods for writing songs. Instructor: Kevin Reeves. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division

6:00 - 8:00 pm—NFB COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (formerly the Newsletter Publications Committee); **Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine**

We've changed our name! Join our think tank; the questions are: how are we doing, and how can we improve our overall communication within and outside our Federation? Robert Leslie Newman, Chairperson



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

6:00 - 9:00 pm—BACK TO BASICS CHAPTER BUILDING SEMINAR Carpenter Ballroom, Atrium lobby

Featuring fresh, new ideas to make chapter meetings exciting, informative, and philosophically strong; presentations from inspiring Federation leaders; live demonstrations; audience participation; and a special recognition for chapter presidents. Presented by the NFB Affiliate Action Team

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) SEMINAR; 6:00 pm–Registration; 7:00 pm–Seminar begins **Emerald Room, Tower lobby**

Understanding the application and interaction between federal and state laws concerning service dogs; guide dog training program reports; also, test drive a guide dog! Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 8:00 pm—MEET THE BLIND MONTH SEMINAR Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Join us as we explore Meet the Blind Month (each October) through fun and exciting activities! Learn more about planning creative events. This seminar is for Meet the Blind Month beginners to seasoned veterans. Sponsored by NFBJI Outreach; Coordinators: Melissa Kobelinski and Mika Baugh.

6:30 - 9:45 pm—SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DIVISION *AND* RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; **Senators Lecture Hall, Tower Lobby** 6:30 pm–Registration; 7:00 pm–Meeting begins We are combining our meetings to promote mentorship opportunities for students and developers of the technology of tomorrow. Get answers to your questions regarding access to science, technology, engineering, and math. John Miller, President, S&E Div. and Hai Nguyen Ly, Chairperson, R&D Comm.

6:30 - 10:00 pm—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION **Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine**

6:30 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Topics: exciting training courses through Hadley School for the Blind with Larry L. Lewis of Flying Blind, LLC; IOS devices and using them with note takers; and Mac training. We will also hear from Bookshare.org. Michael Barber, President



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—"ONE MAN WITH COURAGE," a play written by Jerry Whittle Admission: \$5.00 (*Please note*: *only one performance this year*)

Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium lobby

A play based on the life of Dr. Jacob Bolotin—the first blind, licensed medical doctor in the world. All proceeds support the Buddy Program at the Louisiana Center for the Blind, a summer program for blind children which fosters independence.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000™ USERS' CONTINGENT **Morocco Room, Tower Mezzanine**

We are unveiling the latest version of our software, and a light dinner will be served. Participants must register beforehand by going to "K1000 User Group Meeting" and space is limited. Hosted by Stephen Baum, David Bradburn, and reps from Audio Optical Systems, your local area Kurzweil 1000 reseller.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND AUTOMOBILE

ENTHUSIASTS SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine

Come and hear speakers from automobile clubs talk about their activities and participate in the division business meeting. David Hutchins, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COMMITTEE TO EMPOWER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; **Obelisk A Room, Atrium mezzanine** If you are feeling underserved, come and let your voice be heard! Ron Brown, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (AGES 11-14)

De Soto A Room, West wing
7:00-8:00 pm—Self-Defense Class

8:00-9:00 pm—Dance

7:00 - 9:00 pm—YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (AGES 14-18)
De Soto B Room, West wing

7:00-8:00 pm—Dance 8:00-9:00 pm—Self-Defense Class



MONDAY, JULY 2, Continued

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) SEMINAR; **Wyeth Room, Atrium mezzanine** Learn about Braille-related research, discuss current projects with vendors who produce Braille through hard copy and technology, experience the enthusiasm of some of our Braille Readers Are Leaders winners, and develop strategies for strengthening our division. Sandy Halverson, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—DAD'S NIGHT OUT

All dads, sighted and blind, are welcome. Contact Jim Beyer at (406) 239-2057 for location.

8:00 - 9:30 pm—WEBMASTERS MEETING Lalique Room, Atrium mezzanine

A meeting for all NFB affiliate and division Webmasters to discuss the

importance of an informative, accessible, and visually attractive Website.

Gary Wunder, Chairperson, Webmasters Group

8:15 - 9:15 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING **Edelweiss Room, Atrium mezzanine**

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. A second Friends of Recovery meeting will be on Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Coordinator: Gary Ray



TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS; Sapphire Room, Tower lobby

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP, REGISTRATION (\$30), AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)

Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby



OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES

9:55 am CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED
Dwight Sayer, President, National Association of Blind
Veterans,
National Federation of the Blind; Winter Gardens,
Florida

10:05 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11:40 am ACCESS TO THE INTERNET FOR THE BLIND
Preety Kumar, C.E.O., Deque Systems, Inc., Web Accessibility
Champion; Herndon, Virginia

11:55 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP, REGISTRATION (\$30), AND *FINAL* BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60): **Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby**

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS; Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET Grand Ballroom, Atrium lobby



TUESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

12:15 - 1:45 pm—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI RECEPTION; Peacock Terrace, West wing

All LCB alumni and those interested in learning more about how training at the Louisiana Center for the Blind will change your life are welcome. Pam Allen, Director



GENERAL SESSION

- 2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER
- 2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, Marc Maurer
- 3:00 pm DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO EXCHANGE: ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE BY EMPOWERING THE CONSUMER Joshua A. Miele, Ph.D., Director, The Smith-Kettlewell Video Description Research and Development Center; San Francisco, California
- 3:20 pm THE DEGREES OF FREEDOM, THE ORGANIZED BLIND MOVEMENT: THE DYNAMICS OF INDEPENDENCE AND SUCCESS

 Mark Riccobono, Executive Director, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland
- 3:45 pm WINDOWS 8 ACCESSIBILITY
 Rob Sinclair, Director of Accessibility and Chief Accessibility
 Strategist, Microsoft; Redmond, Washington
- 4:05 pm MINAR DIRECTAE Scott LaBarre, Esq., LaBarre Law Offices; President, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado; Denver, Colorado
- 4:30 pm ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE

BLIND: A COMMITMENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
The Honorable Ray H. LaHood, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation; Washington, D.C.



TUESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

4:50 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



5:30 - 6:30 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE **Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine**

6:00 - 10:00 pm—DEMO RECORDING PROJECT (Fee is \$5.00) **Dardanelles Room, Atrium mezzanine**

This is a chance to make a demo recording of yourself. If possible, please bring a CD of an instrumental. Instructor: Jordy Stringer. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division.

6:00 pm—NFB OF TEXAS BARBECUE AND LIVE MUSIC; **Anatole Park** Come and take part in a real welcome to Dallas hospitality hosted by the Texas affiliate. Live music performed by singer/songwriter JP Williams. Catch up with old friends and make new ones in an evening as fun as you choose to make it!

6:30 - 9:00 pm—COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE **Topaz Room, Tower lobby**

Have you ever wondered what training can do for you? Meet the staff and students at the Colorado Center for the Blind; pick up a Braille recipe and a Braille puzzle; draw a tactile picture and learn about challenge recreation and the latest technology. Join us for this exciting open house! Julie Deden, Director

7:00 - 8:00 pm—THE NEW WAY TO CREATE "ACCESSIBLE PAPER" AND ACCESS IT BY SMARTPHONE—iPHONE AND ANY ANDROID PHONES Rosetta Room, Atrium mezzanine

VOICEYE solution allows a print impaired person to access printed information using our VOICEYE code technology, which can contain two

pages of text. Any document you produce can become accessible to anyone with a smart phone!



TUESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Fleur-de-lis B Room, Atrium mezzanine

What can we do to increase employment of blind people? What barriers stand in the way, and how can we remove them? These and other questions are the focus of this committee. If you're a recruiter or job seeker, come tell us what you're looking for. If you have questions, committee members are loaded with advice. Dick Davis, Chairperson

7:00 - 8:30 pm—BOOKSHARE 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR MEMBERS; **Obelisk A Room, Atrium mezzanine**

Bookshare Members: Join us in celebrating Bookshare's 10th Anniversary! You are an integral part of what we've been able to accomplish over these past ten years, and we hope you will join us for refreshments, games, prizes, and friendly interactions with Bookshare staff and other Members.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EXHIBITS; Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

7:00 - 9:00 pm—LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES SEMINAR: MOVING LEGISLATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Fleur-de-lis A Room, Atrium mezzanine

Each affiliate should send one representative. Learn the best methods of increasing support for our national legislative priorities. Changing lives through laws is our business. Led by Anil Lewis, Lauren McLarney, and Jesse Hartle.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Plum Blossom A Room, Atrium lobby

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7:00 - 9:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

7:00 - 8:15: IEP Basics for Parents of Blind/VI Students

Milan Room, Tower mezzanine

Instructors: Carlton Walker and Chantel Alberhasky



TUESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Cont'd.

7:00 - 9:45: 2-4-6-8 What Do We Appreciate? The Nemeth Code!

Manchester Room, Tower mezzanine

Instructor: Eric Guillory

7:00 - 9:45: Tactile Graphics

Madrid Room, Tower mezzanine

Instructors: Ann Cunningham, Shirley Keller, and Robert Jaquiss

8:00 - 9:30 pm—NFB GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP Steuben Room, Atrium mezzanine

Learn to plan, write, and submit a strong grant application, and hear how others have won grants for their chapters and affiliates. Coordinator: Seth Lamkin, NFB Jernigan Institute

8:30 - 9:45 pm—IEP DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL PROCESS OVERVIEW **Milan Room, Tower mezzanine**

Do's and don'ts for the IEP meeting; preparing for possible mediation, due process, appeal, etc.; overview of the legal process; how to prepare for a due process hearing so you don't have to have one! Instructors: Chantel Alberhasky and Carlton Walker



WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS; Sapphire Room, Tower lobby

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP AND REGISTRATION (\$30): Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am FINANCIAL REPORT

9:55 am ELECTIONS

10:40 am THE SEEING EYE APP: GPS FOR THE BLIND ON THE iPHONE Mike May, Chief Executive Officer, Sendero Group; Davis, California

11:00 am INSPIRING INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLIND THROUGH FAITH AND SERVICE: FROM NEW YORK TO THE VATICAN Father John R. Sheehan, S.J., Chairman, Board of Directors, Xavier Society for the Blind; New York, New York

11:20 am THE FEDERATION IN THE WORLD

Maryanne Diamond, President, World Blind Union; and
General Manager, International and Stakeholder Relations,
Vision Australia; Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Arnt Holte, Vice-Executive Director, Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted; Majorstuen, Oslo, Norway

11:50 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN





WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, Continued

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP AND REGISTRATION (\$30): Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS; Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET (final opportunity to visit the Market); **Grand Ballroom, Atrium lobby**

12:15 - 1:30 pm—AT-LARGE CHAPTER MEETING; Affiliate Action Suite 2372

To all NFB affiliate representatives: If your state is interested in starting an at-large chapter, please bring your lunch and join us to learn about new possibilities for membership recruitment and chapter building.



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm EQUAL ACCESS FOR THE BLIND; AIRFARES, HOTELS, CRUISES: SAVINGS WITH TRAVELOCITY

Steve Dumaine, Senior Vice President of Global Strategy and

Product Innovation, Travelocity Global; Southlake, Texas

2:20 pm THE AFFORDABLE POWERFUL NOTETAKER FOR THE BLIND Deane Blazie, Inventor; Hobe Sound, Florida

Brian A. Mac Donald, President, National Braille Press; Boston, Massachusetts

2:40 pm STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT John G. Paré, Jr., Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Anil Lewis, Director of Strategic Communications, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland



WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, Continued

Lauren McLarney, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Jesse Hartle, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

3:30 pm REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



6:00 - 8:00 pm—AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND LAUNCHES NEW RESOURCE FOR INDEPENDENCE! **Peacock Terrace, West wing** You are invited to an informational reception featuring demonstrations of our family of websites available to you 24/7/365 to enhance your independence and employability. We look forward to greeting AFB's old friends and making new ones.

6:00 - 8:30 pm—EXHIBITS; **Khmer Pavilion, Atrium third level** (final opportunity to visit the Exhibits)

6:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE **Plum Blossom A Room, Atrium lobby**

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6:00 - 11:00 pm—TWELFTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT—Fee: \$5.00

Stemmons Ballroom, Atrium lobby

Register early by contacting Performing Arts Division leaders (phone 347-948-4445) by Tuesday, July 3. Proceeds benefit the division's scholarship program and other programs. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division; Dennis H.R. Sumlin, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—SOCIAL SECURITY AND SSI: WHAT APPLICANTS, ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW

Rosetta Room, Atrium mezzanine

Seminar topics: Social Security and SSI benefits, including eligibility criteria, the application process, reporting obligations, and appeals process. Also get

information on the Medicare prescription drug benefit income subsidy program.

Presenter: Daniel B. Frye, J.D., Social Security Advocate/Consultant

7:00 - 9:45 pm—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine

7:30 pm - midnight—SALSA NIGHT IN DALLAS! (Admission: \$5.00) **Wedgwood Ballroom, Tower lobby**

Learn to dance salsa using the Braille cell. Group and individual instructions provided at any level of proficiency; Merengue and Bachata lessons have been added this year; cash bar. Fee benefits the NFB Spanish Translation Committee (Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson).

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. Gary Ray, Coordinator

- **8:00 11:30 pm**—MONTE CARLO NIGHT; **Morocco Room, Tower mezzanine** Try your luck at playing popular card games; bring friends along or make new ones—either way it's sure to be great fun; cash bar. Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division
- **8:30 9:45 pm**—SAME BOOK, SAME TIME, SAME PRICE: GETTING TO KNOW BLIO, HANDS-ON TRAINING AND HELP. James Gashel, Presenter Inverness Room, Atrium mezzanine



THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS Sapphire Room, Tower lobby

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP AND REGISTRATION (\$30)—*Final opportunity to register*: **Chantilly Foyer Area, Tower lobby**



GENERAL SESSION

- 9:00 am INVOCATION
- 9:05 am THE DEMOCRATISATION OF BRAILLE Kevin Carey, Chair, Royal National Institute of Blind People; London, United Kingdom
- 9:25 am THE CLIENT/CAREER PARADIGM: AN ENTREPRENEURIAL PERSPECTIVE
 Anil Lewis, Director of Strategic Communications, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:50 am STATE PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLIND
 Larry E. Temple, Executive Director, Texas Workforce
 Commission; Austin, Texas
- 10:10 am ACCESSIBLE TELEVISION EQUIPMENT: THE UNITED KINGDOM SCOOPS THE U.S.
 Richard Orme, Head of Accessibility and Head of Digital Inclusion, Royal National Institute of Blind People; London, United Kingdom
- 10:25 am IMPLEMENTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE PRINT DISABLED AT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM LEVEL
 Gerard L. Hanley, Ph.D., Senior Director, Academic Technology Services, and Executive Director, MERLOT, California State University, Office of the Chancellor; Long

Beach, California



THURSDAY, JULY 5, Continued

- 10:45 am AN END TO LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION: A DEMAND FOR JUSTICE AND A CALL FOR ACTION Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D.; Research Professor; San Diego State University; Vienna, Virginia
- 11:05 am EQUAL ACCESS FOR THE BLIND TO EDUCATION
 Seth M. Galanter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy,
 Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of
 Education; Washington, D.C.
- 11:25 am THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: PURSUING POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT MEET NEEDS
 Roberta I. Shaffer, Associate Librarian for Library Services; The Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.
- 11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
- 12:00 pm ADJOURN



12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Peridot Room, Atrium mezzanine; D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS Emerald Room, Tower lobby



GENERAL SESSION

- 2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER
- 2:05 pm BLIND PEOPLE AT WORK Kevan Worley, CEO, Worley Enterprises, Inc., and Roosters Men's Grooming Center; Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mark Jones, Owner, Owensville Communications WVBG-AM/FM; Vicksburg, Mississippi

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THURSDAY, JULY 5, Continued

- 2:35 pm DISABILITY POLICY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE Kareem A. Dale, Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy, The White House; Washington, D.C.
- 2:55 pm THE POLICY OF INTEGRATION ENFORCEABLE AT LAW
 Eve L. Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General
 for Civil Rights, United States Department of Justice;
 Washington, D.C.
- 3:15 pm MAKING CHEMISTRY ACCESSIBLE TO THE BLIND ONE ATOM AT A TIME Henry Wedler, Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Davis; Davis, California
- 3:30 pm INVENTIONS THAT ALTER THOUGHT
 Ray Kurzweil, President and Chief Executive Officer, K-NFB
 Reading Technology, Inc.; Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts
- 3:50 pm THE ACCESSIBLE BOOKSTORE, THE ACCESSIBLE LIBRARY, AND MILLIONS OF BOOKS TO COME Marshall A. (Arnie) Wight, President and Chief Operating Officer, Baker & Taylor, Inc.; Charlotte, North Carolina
- 4:05 pm DR. JACOB BOLOTIN AWARD James Gashel, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award Committee and Secretary, National Federation of the Blind; Denver, Colorado

- 4:35 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
- 5:00 pm ADJOURN



THURSDAY, JULY 5, Continued

7:00 pm—BANQUET
Chantilly Ballroom, Tower lobby
INVOCATION
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder
INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

11:00 pm—SCIENCE FICTION MEETING

All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys for room location.

CONVENTION NOTES:

- **Note 1.** A Federation Information Desk is in the registration area from Sunday morning through Thursday if you have questions or need assistance. The Texas affiliate also maintains a table near the hotel check-in desk in the Atrium lobby to provide assistance and hospitality during much of the convention.
- **Note 2.** The Hilton Anatole Hotel room rates are: singles and doubles, \$63; triples and quads, \$68. In addition to the room rates, there is a 13 percent occupancy tax. There is no charge for children under sixteen in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required. Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid. This is a non-smoking hotel; smoking is permitted only at specified areas outside.
- **Note 3.** Guide Dog Relief Areas: *Please note that there is no dog relief area in Anatole Park. This is a change from previous years*. There is a relief area outside the Atrium lobby entrance and a second relief area outside of the Chantilly entrance. The Chantilly entrance is directly opposite the large elephant statues in the middle of the Chantilly Ballroom foyer in the Tower lobby. Note that this is not the same as the Tower entrance, which is considerably west of the Chantilly entrance.

Note 4. Hotel Food Service:

Common Ground (Atrium I) express cafeteria-line food service: Lunch and dinner offerings will include salads, hot and cold sandwiches, fruits, pastries, desserts, and beverages. Service will be quick and seating plentiful. The grab-and-go \$10 sack lunch (sandwich, chips, and beverage) can be picked up here as well. Hours are 6 am-2 pm and 5-10 pm except on Barbecue and Banquet evenings.

Terrace Café (Atrium I) ala carte breakfast items, continental or full hot breakfast buffet; \$20 (includes tax and gratuity) "blue plate special" lunch, which changes daily and includes an entrée, soup or salad, and dessert; breakfast (6-11 am) and lunch (11 am-2 pm). Not open for dinner.

Counter Offer (Atrium II) items to order at a quick-service counter: breakfast items; hot and cold sandwiches, salads, fruits, desserts, beverages (including wines and beers), and various specialty ala carte items are available throughout the day; \$10 grab-and-go sack lunch may also be picked up here. Seating is available. Hours are 6 am-2 pm and 5-10 pm.

Media Grill & Bar (Atrium II) offers a full menu and is open for lunch & dinner (11 am-10 pm) and from 10 pm-2 am with specialty food items and bar service.

Gossip Bar (Tower lobby) coffee and breakfast pastries in the morning; \$10 grab-and-go sack lunches; bar service and other food offerings. Hours are 6:30 am to 2 am.

- **Note 5.** All requests for announcements by President Maurer during General Sessions must be submitted in Braille.
- **Note 6.** Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct drawings during the sessions or at the banquet. Groups or affiliates wishing to conduct their drawings (or any person wishing to know the winners) may go at noon on Thursday to the Emerald Room, Tower lobby.
- **Note 7.** Child-care services for children between the ages of six weeks and twelve years are available during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Preregistration and payment by June 15 were required for child-care. Child-care is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan serves as the activities and staff coordinator. Please note that child-care provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents are required to provide lunch for their child(ren) every day. Times listed are the opening and closing times for child-care. A late fee of \$10 per quarter-hour per child will be assessed for late pickups. Child-care hours are:

Saturday, 6/30 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm Sunday, 7/1 Closed

Monday, 7/2 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 7/3 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, 7/4

8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30

pm

Thursday, 7/5 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm *and*

Banquet 7/5 6:30 pm to 30 minutes

after banquet ends

Note 8. Divisions, Committees, and Groups: The Federation carries on its business through affiliated divisions, committees, and groups listed below:

Divisions:

Agriculture and Equestrian: Fred Chambers, President
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National Association of Guide Dog Users: Marion Gwizdala, President
National Association to Promote the Use of Braille: Sandy Halverson,
President

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National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science: *Curtis Chong, Pres.*

National Federation of the Blind Krafters: *Joyce Kane, President* National Federation of the Blind Seniors: *Judy Sanders, President* National Organization of Blind Educators: *Sheila Koenig, President* National Organization of Parents of Blind Children: *Laura Bostick,*

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Writers: Robert Leslie Newman, President.

Committees:

Ambassadors: Angela Wolf, Chairperson

Blind Educator of the Year Award: David Ticchi, Chairperson

Committee on Automobile and Pedestrian Safety (CAPS): *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson*

Committee to Empower Underserved Populations (CEUP): Ron Brown, Chairperson

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Distinguished Educator of Blind Children Award: Cathy Jackson, Chairperson

Employment: Dick Davis, Chairperson

Genetic Education: Barbara Pierce, Chairperson Imagination Fund: Carl Jacobsen, Chairperson

Jacobus tenBroek Award: Ramona Walhof, Chairperson

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Library Services: *David Hyde, Chairperson* Membership: *Ron Gardner, Chairperson*

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Groups:

Blind Academics (new): Adrienne Asch, Chairperson

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NAVIGATING THE HOTEL:

The Hilton Anatole consists of two main sections—the Atrium and the Tower. The Atrium section is further divided into Atrium I and Atrium II. At the lobby and mezzanine levels Atrium I, Atrium II, and the Tower are connected so that you can walk from Atrium I at the far east end of the hotel through Atrium II into the Tower at the far west end of the hotel as if it were one building.

At levels above the mezzanine, Atrium I and Atrium II are contiguous with each other but not with the Tower—that is, to reach the sleeping rooms, you must use either the Atrium elevators or the Tower elevators, depending on which section your room is located in. The Tower sleeping room elevators do not stop at the mezzanine level. The Atrium sleeping room elevators stop at the mezzanine level, and you can reach the mezzanine level meeting rooms above the Atrium I lobby, the Atrium II lobby, and the Tower lobby. However, a flight of six or eight steps links the Atrium II mezzanine and the Tower mezzanine. If these steps are a problem, you can take a separate, single elevator that goes from the Tower lobby to the Tower mezzanine level. This elevator is located just west of the business center in the Tower lobby. At the west end of the Tower mezzanine is a stairway that leads to the Tower lobby. When you come down this stairway, you are facing east, and the Chantilly Ballroom is slightly ahead and on your right.

Atrium I is the farthest-east section of the hotel and sits slightly

south of Atrium II. You may think of the entire hotel as a high-top tennis shoe lying on its side with the sole running along the north side, the toe pointing west, and the open top to the south. The right angle formed where the back of the shoe meets the sole in the hotel's architecture is actually cut on the diagonal so that, when entering the hotel on that diagonal, you are facing southwest. Atrium I is much shorter in its north-south dimension than are Atrium II and the Tower on the east-west axis. After you step into the main entrance, a left turn takes you towards the check-in desk and Atrium I.

If you stand with your back to the check-in desk, you are facing west. Atrium I is on your left, and Atrium II is slightly to your right and straight ahead. The Atrium elevators and stairway and escalators to the mezzanine-level meeting rooms and the Khmer Pavilion on the third level are located just across from the Atrium front desk and main entrance in the general area where the two Atria join.

The lobby area of Atrium I contains the Stemmons Ballroom, the indoor pool, the Carpenter Ballroom, and the Terrace Restaurant. The Conference Registration area (where Preregistration will be located on Sunday and Monday) is located in the northeast corner of Atrium II at the point where Atrium II and Atrium I join.

The Media Grill & Bar and the Grand Ballroom are located on the south side of Atrium II. On the north side of Atrium II are hotel shops and the Plum Blossom meeting room. Just south of the shops are the two rectangular reflecting pools running from east to west along much of the link of Atrium II. There are seating areas along both sides of the reflecting pools. The area between the reflecting pools on the north side of Atrium II and the Media Grill & Bar and Grand Ballroom on the south side of Atrium II forms a wide walkway which extends from east to west through the entire length of Atrium II. The far east end of this walkway leads into Atrium I. The far west end of this walkway leads into the Tower lobby. Just before entering the Tower lobby you will find the Counter Offer quick service food outlet in the northwest corner of Atrium II. There is a ramp on the south side of the walkway as it enters the Tower lobby.

The Chantilly Ballroom, where the Board Meeting and the General Sessions take place, is located on the south side of the Tower lobby. Continuing west beyond the Chantilly Ballroom is the Gossip Bar. A stairway leading to the mezzanine meeting rooms can be found along the north side of the Gossip Bar. The entrance to the Wedgwood Ballroom foyer is west of the Gossip Bar as are the exit doors to Anatole Park. Just north of the doors into the Park is the entrance to the Peacock Terrace Room. The entrance to the West Wing meeting rooms

can be found north of the Peacock Terrace.

In the northeast corner of the Tower lobby there are a number of meeting rooms, including the Coral, Emerald, Opal, Sapphire, and Topaz rooms and the Governors and Senators Lecture Halls.



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